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SUBJECT: BRIDGE/BARRAGE ACROSS THE GAMBIA RIVER

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- 1. JANUARY 26, MISSION OFFICER CONTACTED EC COMMISSION DEVELOPMENT OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR AID TO GAMBIA TO OBTAIN READOUT ON CURRENT EC PLANS REGARDING SUBJECT PROJECT. THIS OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT:
- (A) JANUARY 10-11 MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DAKAR (REFTEL)
 RESULTED IN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SENEGAL "TOOK NOTE OF AND
 ACCEPTED" BRIDGE/BARRAGE OPTION PRESENTED BY GOTG; THIS
 PROJECT REPORTEDLY WOULD BE LINKED TO UNDP PLANS FOR
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INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF GAMBIA RIVER BASIN;

(B) A JOINT SENEGALESE-GAMBIAN DELEGATION, POSSIBLY AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, IS EXPECTED TO VISIT BRUSSELS IN EARLY FEBRUARY TO DISCUSS FINANCING AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRIDGE/BARRAGE WITH EC DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS:

(C) ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT IS 50 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT (MUA) OR APPROXIMATELY \$60 MILLION; REGARDING POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FUNDS, IN ADDITION TO THE 8 MUA APPROVED FOR BRIDGE/BARRAGE FROM EDF, FRG AND UK MAY CONTRIBUTE 13 MUA AND 4 MUA RESPECTIVELY.

2. TO ENCOURAGE POSSIBLE USG CO-FINANCING ROLE, COMMISSION OFFICIALS SHOWED MISSION OFFICER A COPY OF
TECHNICAL REPORT PREPARED BY UK CONSULTANTS, COODE AND
PARTNERS, ENTITLED "GAMBIA RIVER BARRAGE STUDY".
EXTRACTS OF THIS 190-PAGE REPORT, INCLUDING CONCLUSIONS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON BOTH ENGINEERING AND FINANCIAL
ASPECTS OF PROJECT, ARE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT,
C/O AID/AFR/DP, CHARLES WARD, AND TO USAID/BANJUL AND
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